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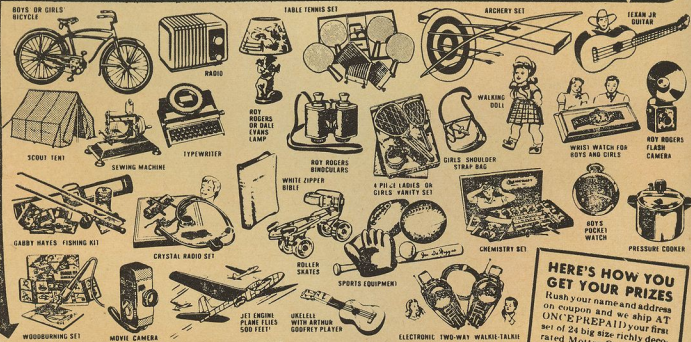
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JAKE LEVCHER WAS THE VICTIM... AND HE WAS THE MAN ACCUSED! WHO PUSHED THE BUTTONS THAT BROUGHT THIS MAN INTO COURT? WHO ORDERED BIG, VICIOUS HARRY KOENIG TO ACCUSE HIM OF ASSAULT AND BATTERY? IT WAS ONLY RICHARD MANNING'S JOB TO DEFEND LEVCHER... BUT HE WAS DETERMINED TO GET THE MAN WHO FINGERED HIM!

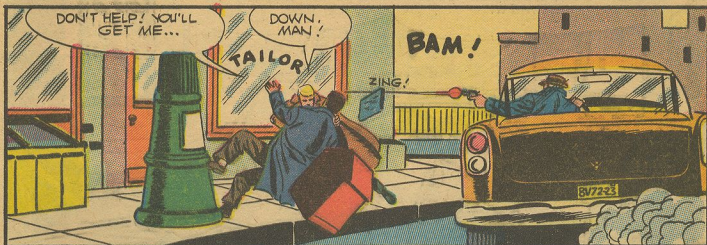


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THE CASE LOOKED SIMPLE ENOUGH IN COURT! HARRY KOENIG ACCUSED JACOB LEVCHER OF ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON...



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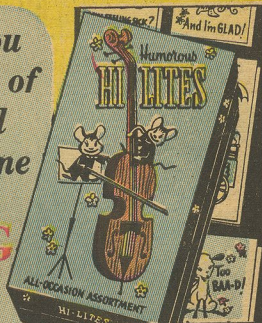
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THEY WERE
GONNA
BUMP ME
OFF,
MANNING!
THE
SYNDI-
CATE--
MY OWN
OUTFIT!

DON'T LOOK
TO ME FOR
PITY. GIVE
ME A HAND
WITH THESE
TWO! I'LL
HAVE THEM
LOCKED
UP!



AFTER THE TWO GUNMEN WERE
BOOKED AND GIVEN MEDICAL
ATTENTION, MANNING MADE A
PROPOSITION TO KOENIG...

THE SYNDICATE WILL FINISH
YOU IF WE TURN YOU LOOSE,
HARRY! HOW ABOUT
SHOWING ME
WHO THE BIG
BOSS IS?

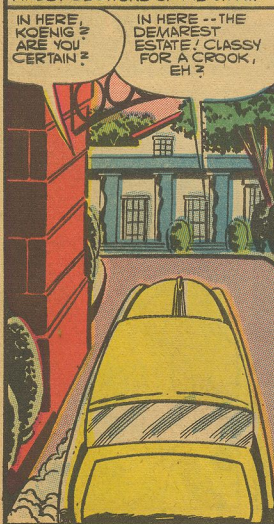
DON'T TALK
FOOLISH, MAN-
NING! YOU'RE
NOT BIG ENOUGH
TO BUCK THE
SYNDICATE!



I CAN TRY!
NOW--DO YOU HELP
ME OR DO YOU
TAKE ANOTHER
RIDE LIKE THE
ONE TODAY?
THAT'S WHAT
YOU'LL GET,
YOU KNOW!

YOU
HOLD
THE
ACES,
MAN-
NING!

MANNING WAS SURPRISED AS HE
FOLLOWED KOENIG'S DIRECTIONS!
HE FOUND HIMSELF IN ONE OF THE
FINEST SECTIONS OF THE CITY...



IN HERE,
KOENIG?
ARE YOU
CERTAIN?

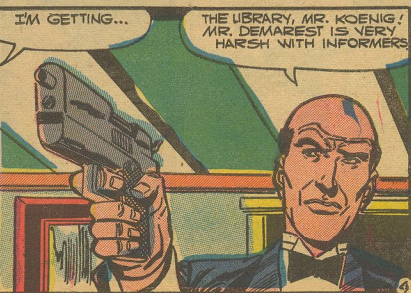
IN HERE --THE
DEMAREST
ESTATE! CLASSY
FOR A CROOK,
EH?

RICHARD MANNING HAD HEARD OF CRAIG DEMAREST!
THE LAST OF A LONG LINE OF MILLIONAIRES, HE HAD
APPARENTLY REPAIRED THE FAMILY FORTUNES...



MR. DEMAREST EXPECTED YOU,
MR. MANNING! YOU AND MR.
KOENIG WILL GO TO THE
LIBRARY, PLEASE!

I FEEL SICK!
YOU'RE COOKED
TOO, MANNING!



I'M GETTING...

THE LIBRARY, MR. KOENIG!
MR. DEMAREST IS VERY
HARSH WITH INFORMERS.

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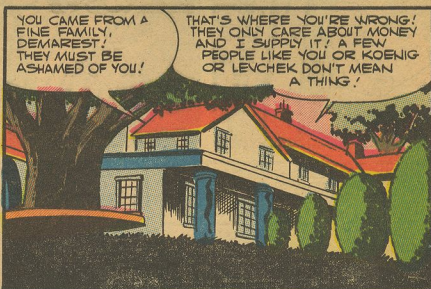


KOENIG! YOU SURPRISE ME! AND YOU BROUGHT YOUR FRIEND MANNING!



LET'S NOT BE DRAMATIC, DEMAREST! KOENIG GAVE ME THE INFORMATION WE NEED TO PUT YOU AWAY! THE POLICE ARE ON THE WAY!

YOU ERR, MY FRIEND! YOU HAVE NOT CALLED THE POLICE! AND YOU WON'T GET A CHANCE TO NOW!



YOU CAME FROM A FINE FAMILY, DEMAREST! THEY MUST BE ASHAMED OF YOU!

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG! THEY ONLY CARE ABOUT MONEY AND I SUPPLY IT! A FEW PEOPLE LIKE YOU OR KOENIG OR LEVCHER DON'T MEAN A THING!



DEMAREST'S ORGANIZATION WORKED SMOOTHLY! WHILE HE'D BEEN TALKING, THE BUTLER HAD NOT BEEN IDLE...

AND THE WEIGHTS! SHOULD I...

NO, I WANT NO MORE BUNGLING! WE'RE GOING FOR A SHORT WALK, MANNING! AT TIMES LIKE THIS I'M GLAD THE GROUNDS ARE SO LARGE!



THIS GUN IS SILENCED--BUT IT WOULD MAKE NO DIFFERENCE ANYHOW! NO ONE OUTSIDE THESE WALLS WOULD QUESTION MY ACTIVITIES!

I'VE SEEN ENOUGH, DEMAREST!



YOU'RE GOING TO...

YOU DIDN'T EXPECT ME TO STAND AND TAKE IT, DID YOU?

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TRY TAKING IT FOR A CHANGE!
YOU DISHED IT OUT LONG
ENOUGH!

ONE SIDE,
MR. DEMAREST!



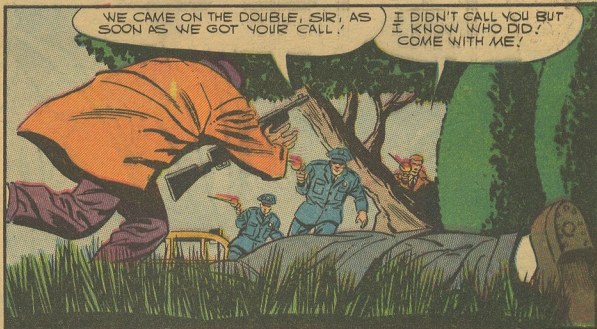
I REMEMBERED YOU JUST
IN TIME, REEVES!



THERE
WERE
ELEVEN
HOODLUMS
SCATTERED
THROUGH
THE
HOUSE!
THEY
CAME ON
THE
RUN
WHEN
THEY
HEARD
THE
SHOTS--
BUT
THEY
HAD
COMPANY...

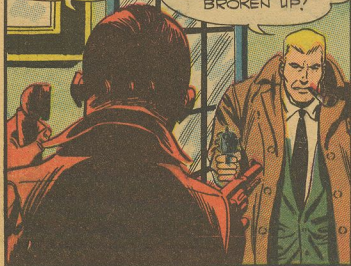
WE CAME ON THE DOUBLE, SIR, AS
SOON AS WE GOT YOUR CALL!

I DIDN'T CALL YOU BUT
I KNOW WHO DID!
COME WITH ME!



DON'T COME ANY...
MANNING! AM
I GLAD TO
SEE YOU!

I FIGURED YOU'D CALL
THE POLICE, KOENIG!
YOU WOULDN'T HAVE
A CHANCE IF THE
SYNDICATE WASN'T
BROKEN UP!



LATER, IN COURT, AFTER LEVCHEK HAD
BEEN FREED...

I WANT TO
THANK YOU,
MR. MANNING!

DON'T THANK ME! THE
TAXPAYERS PAY ME,
THANK THEM! AND WE
ALL OWE YOU THANKS
FOR GIVING US THE
CHANCE TO BREAK
UP THE DEMAREST
MOB!



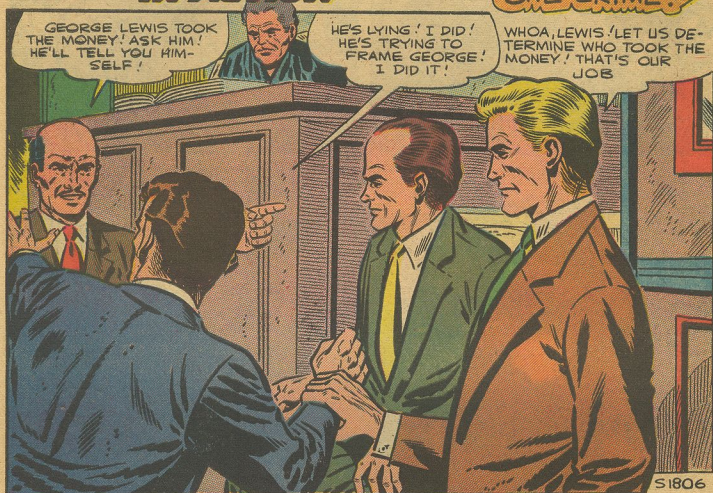
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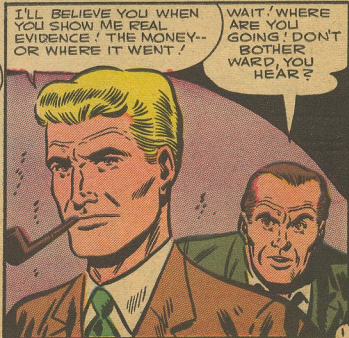
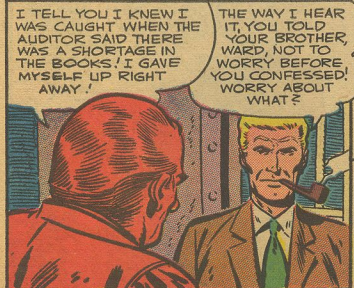
RICHARD MANNING HAD SEEN MANY WEIRD CASES -- BUT WHEN BYRON CRAMM ACCUSED GEORGE LEWIS OF STEALING \$22,000, THE FUN STARTED. BECAUSE LEWIS ADMITTED HE TOOK IT--AND HIS BROTHER, WARD INSISTED HE HAD THE MONEY, IT WAS UP TO THE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO FIND OUT WHO DID!

**TWO THIEVES--
ONE CRIME!**



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MANNING LISTENED TO BOTH STORIES! BOTH BROTHERS WORKED FOR CRAMM, BOTH CLAIMED THEY TOOK THE MONEY!



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JUST A MINUTE! ... THAT CROOK'S GUILTY! DON'T TRY TO PULL ANY FANCY MANEUVERS THIS TIME!



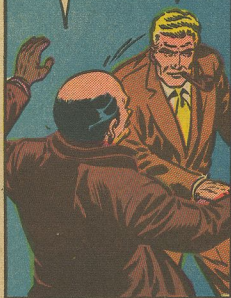
I'M TRYING TO DO MY JOB, THAT'S ALL! LET ME BY!

HOLD ON! YOU ARE A PUBLIC SERVANT! I'M ENTITLED TO TALK! YOU CAN'T BRUSH ME OFF!



LET GO OF ME, CRAMM! YOU ANNOY ME!

DON'T TREAT ME LIKE A SMALL TIMER, MANNING! I'LL SHOW-- OOWW!



QUIET DOWN OR I'LL MAKE YOUR ARM LIMP FOR A WEEK! NOW MOVE BACK!

THE PUBLIC DEFENDER WENT TO WARD LEWIS' HOUSE! IT WAS MODEST, IN A LOW PRICE DEVELOPMENT---

SO YOU'RE THE PUBLIC DEFENDER! OKAY, DEFEND ME! GEORGE DIDN'T TAKE ANY MONEY!

HMMM! I SEE! YOU BOUGHT THIS HOUSE AND YOUR CAR SOMEHOW! MAYBE I'D BETTER SPEAK TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY!



HE DID NOT! HE GOT IT WITH MY---

SHHH, HELEN! WELL, MR. MANNING?

I KNOW WHERE IT CAME FROM! DON'T WORRY TOO MUCH!



LATER, AT CRAMM'S OFFICE--



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WHO LET--
MANNING!
GET OUT
OF MY
OFFICE!

I WILL-- WHEN I
GET READY! WHO
WAS YOUR VISITOR?
HE LOOKED LIKE
A BOOKIE HAVING
A GOOD DAY FOR
HIMSELF!

I'LL BET THERE'S
MORE SHORTAGES
TO CONCEAL!
MIND IF I---

KEEP YOUR NOSE OUT OF
MY BOOKS! GET OUT OF
MY HAIR! GET OUT!



YOU'RE TRYING TO RUIN
ME! FOR A MISERABLE
THIEF WHO'S SURE TO
GO TO PRISON YOU'D
RUIN ME!

YOU'LL RUIN YOURSELF,
CRAMM! AND THE MAN
YOU CALLED A THIEF
WILL GO FREE!

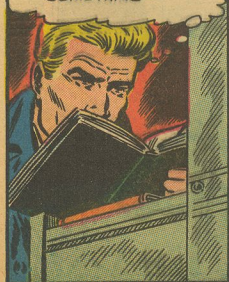


MANNING, CHECKING POLICE
FILES, AND OTHER SOURCES
OF INFORMATION, WENT
OUT LATE THAT NIGHT--

POOR CRAMM CAN'T PICK
HORSES ANY BETTER
THAN HE CAN VICTIMS TO
FRAME! HE'S IN TROUBLE!
HE'LL HAVE TO DO
SOMETHING---

HE IS DOING SOMETHING!
HE'S REMOVING HIS
BOOKS! I'LL FOLLOW
HIM!

I WARNED YOU! NOW,
TAKE THE
CONSEQUENCES!



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I DIDN'T THINK YOU WERE THIS RATTLED, CRAMM!

IT WAS GOING SMOOTH TILL--
UNGH !!

YOU CAN'T PROVE A THING MANNING!
YOU HAVE NO EVIDENCE!

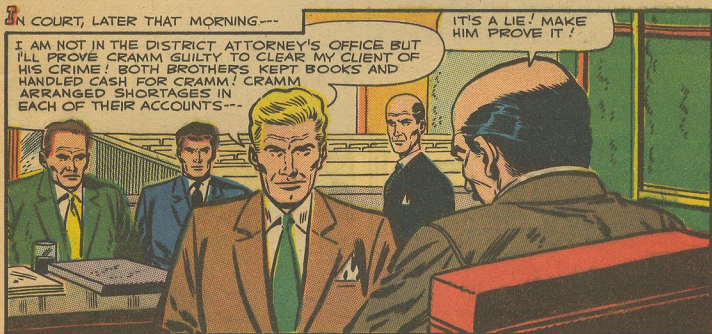
I THINK I HAVE! A GOOD ACCOUNTANT CAN SHOW HOW YOU TRICKED THE LEWIS BROTHERS!



IN COURT, LATER THAT MORNING---

I AM NOT IN THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUT I'LL PROVE CRAMM GUILTY TO CLEAR MY CLIENT OF HIS CRIME! BOTH BROTHERS KEPT BOOKS AND HANDLED CASH FOR CRAMM! CRAMM ARRANGED SHORTAGES IN EACH OF THEIR ACCOUNTS--

IT'S A LIE! MAKE HIM PROVE IT!



--AND EACH BROTHER DOCTORED THE BOOKS TO COVER THE OTHER! GEORGE LEWIS HAD A BAD HEART! WARD THOUGHT THAT CONVICTION MIGHT BE FATAL! GEORGE COVERED FOR WARD BECAUSE OF HIS WIFE! CRAMM GOT THE MONEY!

CRAMM GAMBLED AND LOST OTHER PEOPLE'S MONEY! HIS BOOKS WILL SHOW A NEW SHORTAGE WHEN EXAMINED! I HAVE SUBPOENAED HIS BOOK-MAKER! I MOVE THAT MY CLIENT BE RELEASED!

I SHOULD HAVE FINISHED YOU WHEN I HAD THE CHANCE!



THE END

A WORTHLESS CLUE

THREE MEN
STRUCK
QUICKLY AND
FLED...
LEAVING AN
EMPTY SAFE
AND A
WOUNDED
WATCHMAN
AND NO
CLUES...
EXCEPT FOR
ONE BADLY
BATTERED
GUN, AN
ARMY ISSUE
.45...

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IT WAS A LOT OF WORK, BUT THEN THEY HAD THE NUMBER-- AND THE NAME OF THE LAST G.I. TO HAVE POSSESSION OF THE WEAPON...

NO, A LOT OF MEN LOST! I LOST GUNS! YOU'RE IN NO TROUBLE. HOW DID YOU LOSE IT? IT WAS USED TO WOUND A MAN IN DETROIT LAST NIGHT.

I LOST IT TO A GUY NAMED SLIM DAGGETT IN A CRAP GAME.



DAGGETT TURNED UP AS A BUS DRIVER IN BALTIMORE. HE WAS EMBARRASSED TOO BUT GAVE INFORMATION...

YEAH, I'M DAGGETT! I SOLD THE GUN TO MY BROTHER-IN-LAW FIVE YEARS AGO.



AND THE BROTHER-IN-LAW LENT IT TO AN EX-CONVICT NAMED JOE POWERS...

WHAT DO YOU MEAN. WHERE WAS I?

NOT IF YOU HAVE AN ALIBI. POWERS? LET'S GO!

WHAT IS THIS, A PINCH?



ONCE POWERS' IDENTITY WAS KNOWN, THE OTHER TWO ARRESTS FOLLOWED...

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE WORK THEY DID ON THIS CASE!

WE DID ALL RIGHT WITH THE GUN TO WORK ON, BUT WE HAD HELP FROM POLICE DEPARTMENTS ALL OVER THE COUNTRY!



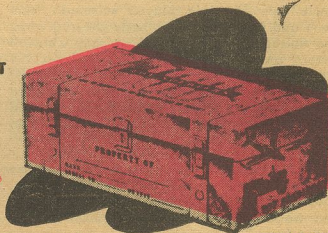
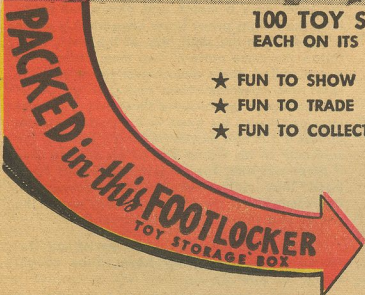
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"When I was a kid," remarked Detective Al Norton of Special Squad to his buddy, Detective Ben Egan, "my mother wanted me to play the piano. So my dad bought a piano at an auction sale. That instrument must have seen better days. I took exactly six lessons. The call of baseball was too much for me. In addition the neighbor below began to complain. Her husband had a night job and wanted to sleep in the day time. She was a bit diplomatic about it. She liked music. Why not send me to a music school to learn to pound the keys?

"I never forgot my first feeble efforts to become a musician. I guess some kids must have the touch of genius when it comes to music. Last week I got a telephone call from Dave Clarke. His twelve-year-old girl, Mildred, is going to give a recital at Fireman's Hall. Would I take five tickets? When he made it clear the tickets were free I accepted them. Took the wife, my brother-in-law and his wife, and my Uncle Ben. That kid played selections from Bach and Beethoven. Everybody cheered when she finished. Now don't tell me they were all friends and relatives of the family. I say the kid was good and that's all to it. Maybe if I had the touch of genius and was willing to study ten hours a day at the piano, I would have become a first rate concert pianist. Who knows?"

"Did I ever tell you my father wanted me to play violin?" asked Detective Ben Egan. "We could have been together on the concert stage. Anyway we are together on the police force."

The phone rang and Al Norton answered it. No, need to continue on the topic of music.

"Chief Edward Mirkus wants us in his office at once. Says it concerns the holdups on the south side of town. Come on! We can't keep the chief waiting."

The police chief was proud of the two members of his Special Squad. They could handle anything from ordinary routine matters to the toughest assignments. The door to his office was open and they walked in. A stout middle-

aged man was seated in a chair next to the desk of the police chief.

"Meet Mr. Thomas Dinken, president of the Salesmen Guild of this city," said Chief Edward Mirkus. "I have told him all about you two. Dave Eastman and Phil Clarke were working on those holdups. They have just been put on the burglary squad in regard to the Pearson Case. So you two take over where they left off. I'll give you the files later. Mr. Dinken will give you a brief run down on the situation."

"The Salesmen Guild consists of those salesmen who sell from door to door," explained Mr. Dinken. "We have those familiar people who sell vacuum cleaners, brushes, magazines, and even those who collect the weekly premiums from certain types of insurance policies. We meet once a month and discuss the problems that might arise. There have been a series of holdups on the south side of the town. They follow the same pattern. Two men. Each wears a cap pulled down almost over the eyes. One spots the salesman. Then one gets ahead of him and goes upstairs. He threatens the salesman and keeps his hand in his pocket. Maybe he has a gun and maybe he hasn't. Relieves the salesman of his wallet and of his sample case if he carries one. The other fellow comes up in back. They make their victim go downstairs, and escape over the roof. Later they empty the wallet and throw it into the street."

"How dumb can they be?" exclaimed Detective Al Norton. "They have to be caught sooner or later."

"Suppose you two detectives make it sooner," suggested Mr. Dinken. "I like to shoot ducks. I take a boat and go out on the Sound. Near my boat I place decoys to attract the ducks. So why not have one of you detectives act as the decoy. Make out you are a salesman, and that's how you can catch those two!"

Detective Ben Egan laughed for a minute and then stopped. He turned to Mr. Dinken.

"Forgive me for laughing. It's a very good idea. In fact it happens to be exactly the technique we do use in these types of holdups. We'll start in at once as soon as we pay a

visit to Jim Mitchell in the Crime Lab and see what he has in the way of special equipment for us."

Jim Mitchell's life work was the Crime Lab. He enjoyed figuring out special police and detective equipment. The two detectives gave him a quick run down on the situation. He handed Detective Ben Egan a hat.

"You wear this hat to play safe. It has a special plastic liner. Just in case the crook in back decides to use a blackjack, you can't be injured. Then I suggest you wear a back-and-front body protector. Guards you against a bullet or a knife thrust. I can fix up a salesman's black bag with a 35-mm. camera and special timer. We use that new super film. It will take stills of your holdup man as he threatens you. Then in your coat lapel we'll place a tiny mike. Al remains down in his car. In your hip pocket will be the new midget broadcasting unit. Al will hear what goes on and he'll also tape the threats. That ought to do the trick."

For the next three days, Detective Ben Egan went up and downstairs in the various houses on the south side of the town. Nothing unusual happened.

"Maybe I have the word 'detective' printed all over my face," he complained to his buddy.

"For my money you look like a genuine salesman," praised Al Norton. "Just keep it up. Sooner or later we'll hook those fellows."

The fifth day was gloomy. The clouds couldn't decide whether to give the earth a shower or not. The sun was hiding behind the clouds. There was a chill in the air. Detective Ben Egan was walking towards an old house on Seventh Avenue. A thin fellow got in front of him and entered the house first. The detective followed the fellow. In turn he was followed by a heavy set fellow. Both wore caps pulled down nearly over their eyes. On the opposite side of the street Detective Al Norton sat parked in his car.

Detective Ben Egan had reached the landing of the third floor when the man in front of him turned quickly. The right hand was in the coat pocket.

"You don't want to get hurt, do you, mister?" he snarled. "So you just do what I tell you. Get any idea of trying to play the hero part out of your head. My partner is right in back of you. I want your wallet and your sample case."

"This is a holdup," said Detective Ben Egan with mock fright in his voice.

"Bright boy," complimented the man: "You got the idea the first time. Now give me what I asked for and everything will be O.K."

The detective handed the man his sample bag and also his wallet. Then the man in back pushed his way up and joined his partner.

"You stay here and count up till five hundred," warned the first man. "Don't dare look or move."

"You make a living stealing from salesmen," said the detective.

"Shut up," snapped the second man. "I got an idea you want to get a closer description of us so you can talk to the police."

"Don't do anything rash," suggested Detective Ben Egan. "Look what is in my right hand."

The concealed arm holster on a spring released a snub nosed .38 police special.

"I'm a detective," explained Ben Egan. "You two just remain put. My partner is on his way up."

"In fact I am already here," said the cheerful voice of Al Norton. "Our two ducks fell for the decoy."

The two men were taken to headquarters. They were fingerprinted. A check showed neither of them had any previous record. They refused to say anything until Jim Mitchell handed them a series of pictures.

"Take a look at yourselves in action."

The two men could hardly believe their eyes. When the tape recorder was played they surrendered.

"I'm Henry Gully," said the thin one. "My partner is Lou Starr. Give me a pen and some paper. I'll tell you everything."

When the confession had been written and signed by both men, Lou Starr had a comment to make.

"A crook doesn't get a chance today with the stuff you detectives use. What can he do?"

"Be honest," was the advice of Detective Al Norton. "For the next five years you'll have a lot of time for good reflection at the state's expense. Use it."

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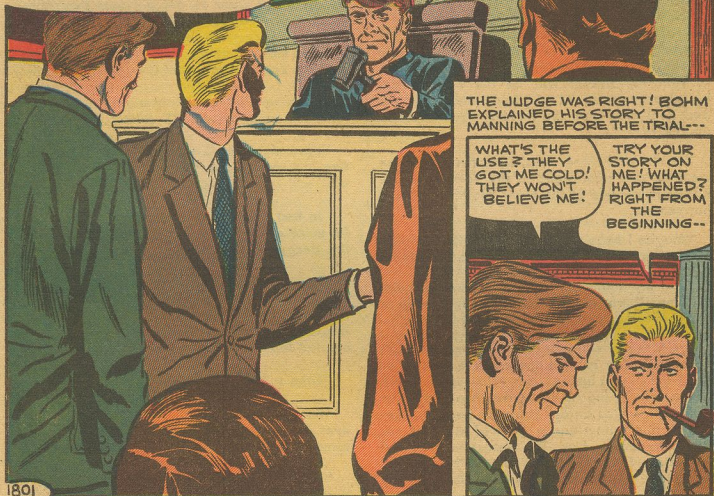
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WHAT COULD RICHARD MANNING HAVE HIS CLIENT SAY? EVERY WORD WILLY BOHM UTTERED GOT HIM DEEPER IN TROUBLE! IN THE END, MANNING CAST HIS CLIENT ON THE MERCY OF THE COURT ----

NO DEFENSE!

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GRANTED! YOUR MAN IS IN A BAD WAY IF YOU CAN'T OFFER A CASE, COUNSELOR!



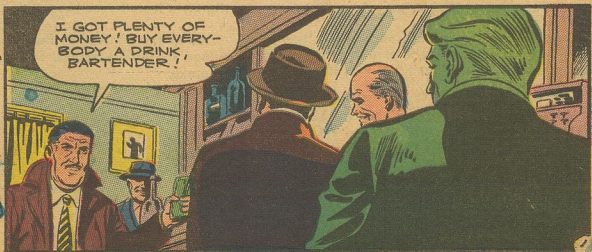
THE JUDGE WAS RIGHT! BOHM EXPLAINED HIS STORY TO MANNING BEFORE THE TRIAL--

WHAT'S THE USE? THEY GOT ME COLD! THEY WON'T BELIEVE ME!

TRY YOUR STORY ON ME! WHAT HAPPENED? RIGHT FROM THE BEGINNING--

"WELL," BOHM BEGAN, "I WAS IN THE JOINT LOOKIN' FOR A GUY LIKE COLBY! HE WAS WELL HEELED AND ALONE!"

I GOT PLENTY OF MONEY! BUY EVERYBODY A DRINK, BARTENDER!

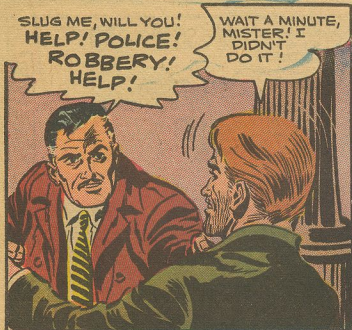
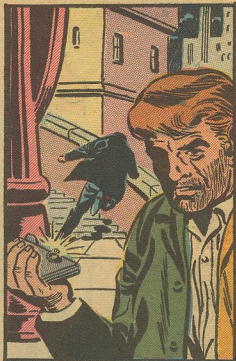


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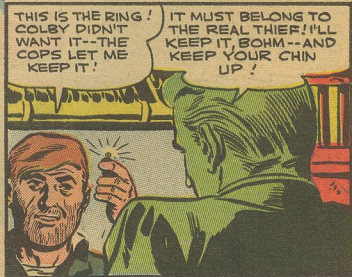
"I NEVER HELD UP ANYONE BEFORE MR. MANNING. BOHM WENT ON, "BUT I WAS BROKE AND HE'D BE A CINCH! I FOLLOWED HIM OUT LATER--"

"HERE'S THE PART THEY DO NOT BELIEVE! I DECIDED NOT TO DO IT! I WAS TURNING AWAY WHEN I HEARD A NOISE AND--"

"THE GUY SAW ME AND RAN! HE RAN RIGHT AT ME! I GRABBED AT HIM BUT HE KEPT GOING ----"



"THE COPS GOT THERE FAST," BOHM WENT ON SADLY, "AND FOUND ME WITH THE RING AND HIS WALLET!"



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

MANNING USED A FULL DAY TO TRACE THE RING--UNTIL HE HAD THE JEWELER WHO HAD MADE THE ACTUAL SALE!

THEN HE HAD THREE NAMES, ONE DEAD, THREE IN JAIL, THE FIFTH IN MEXICO, IT WAS ANOTHER DEAD RUN--

I DON'T UNDERSTAND WHY ZIGGY WRITES NOW! HE NEVER WROTE MUCH BEFORE FROM PRISON!

MAYBE TO MAKE FOLKS THINK HE'S STILL THERE! IF HE IS, HE BUYS THE SAME CHEAP PAPER WE HAVE UP HERE!

DON'T SAY I TOLD YOU, MISTER, OR THEY'LL WRECK MY STORE! THE SATANS THEY CALLED THEM--SELVES! I'LL GIVE YOU THE NAMES--

THANKS, MR. MILLER!

SURE, THE SATANS WERE A BAD LOT! ONLY ONE LEFT--ZIGGY ALMAN'S MOTHER JUST GOT A LETTER FROM HIM YESTERDAY FROM MEXICO!

I'LL GO UP AND SEE HER! THANKS A LOT!



MANNING DISCOVERED THAT ALMAN HAD A GIRL FRIEND TOO! HE ALSO LEARNED THAT SHE DIDN'T GO OUT MUCH LATELY----

THIS KEY SHOULD WORK! I CAN'T TAKE TOO LONG OR THE GIRL WILL RETURN!

I WANT A LOOK IN HER APARTMENT! THIS IS THE FIRST CHANCE I'VE HAD IN TWO DAYS!



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

HOLD IT, COPPER! LET ME GET A GOOD LOOK AT YUH! RITA SAID THERE WAS A SNOOPER HANGIN' AROUND!

I'M NOT A COP, ALMAN! I'M RICHARD MANNING, PUBLIC DEFENDER!

HOW COME YOU TAILED ME? BEFORE I SHUT YOU UP AND REALLY GO TO MEXICO, EXPLAIN!

YOU COMMITTED THE CRIME MY CLIENT IS ACCUSED OF ALMAN! AND--



--I'M GOING TO GET MY BOY ACQUITTED!

LOOK OUT! KEEP AWAY MISTER, OR I'LL---



OKAY, ALMAN! TELL RITA TO CLOSE THE DOOR AND CALL THE POLICE! DO AS I SAY!

YOU HEARD THE MAN, RITA! CALL 'EM UP. I'M HOOKED THIS TIME!

LATER---

YOUR CLIENT IS FREE! IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WISH TO ADD, COUNSELOR?

ONLY THAT I'VE GOT TEN A JOB FOR HIM! IF HE DOESN'T WORK AT IT, I'LL HUNT HIM UP AND ASK WHY!

YOU WON'T HAVE TO! I'M NOT CROSSIN' A GUY LIKE YOU!



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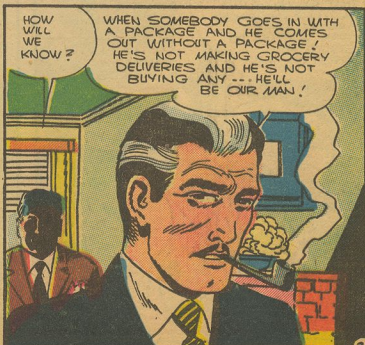
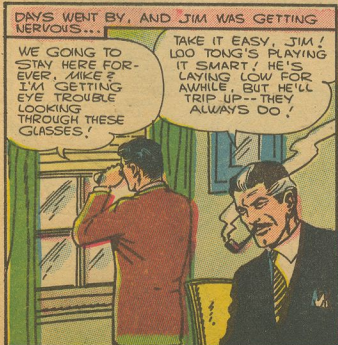
JIM'S ALL RIGHT! DOING A FINE JOB! HE'LL BE RUNNING THIS DEPARTMENT SOME DAY-- MAKE MY WORDS!

YOU'RE SINGING A DIFFERENT TUNE, MIKE! I REMEMBER WHEN HE FIRST SHOWED UP-- YOU BLEW YOUR STACK!

AND WOULDN'T YOU? HOW WOULD YOU FEEL, GETTING A COLLEGE BOY FRESH OUT OF THE ACADEMY DUMPED IN YOUR LAP RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF A BIG DIAMOND CASE? JIM HIT ME JUST AS I GOT A LEAD ON LOO LONG!



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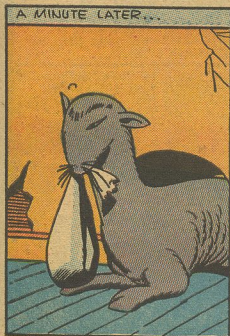
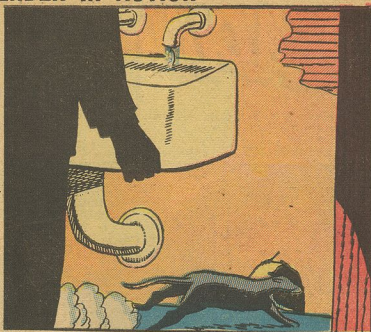
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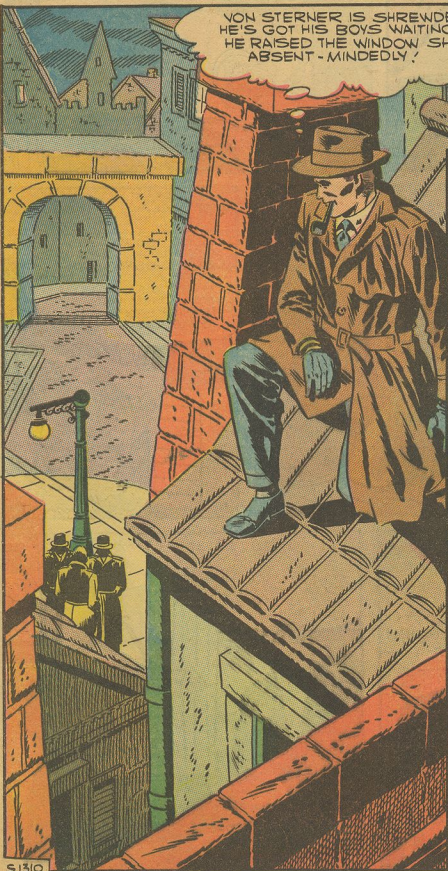


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PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

DEADLY COINCIDENCE

EVERYONE HAS BEEN WONDERING WHY THE IRON CURTAIN COUNTRIES HAVE SUDDENLY RELAXED RESTRICTIONS AGAINST DEMOCRATIC VISITORS... THE WHOLE CRAZY PATTERN SUDDENLY CLICKED INTO PLACE, AS I PEERED OVER THE EDGE OF THE ROOF AND SAW THE GOVERNMENT'S HIRED KILLERS WAITING FOR ME TO COME OUT...



VON STERNER IS SHREWERDER THAN I THOUGHT!
HE'S GOT HIS BOYS WAITING THERE, NO WONDER
HE RAISED THE WINDOW SHADE SO
ABSENT-MINDEDLY!

IT STARTED WHEN I DECIDED
TO TAKE A WALK AND LOOK AT
THE CITY NO AMERICAN HAD
BEEN ALLOWED INTO SINCE
THE WAR'S END...

TIM! JIM
BENNETT!
WHAT
LUCK!

WHO'S THERE?
WHO ARE
YOU?

I COULD HARDLY BELIEVE IT
WHEN I FOUND MY OLD ROOM-
MATE SHAKING MY HAND...

ERIC VON
STERNER!
HOW ARE
YOU?

TIM! IT'S FATE
TO STUMBLE ON
YOU HERE! NO
ONE COULD BE
MORE WELCOME!

PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

IT DIDN'T SEEM NATURAL! WHILE WE WERE ROOM-MATES AT COLLEGE, ERIC HAD BEEN A PRECISE, COLD, CORRECT COPY OF HIS PRUSSIAN BACKGROUND! I NEVER EVEN KNEW WHETHER HE LIKED ME! YET...

I'VE THOUGHT OF YOU SO OFTEN! LET'S GO SOMEWHERE AND TALK OVER THOSE HAPPY DAYS AT COLLEGE!

WH-WHY OF COURSE! WHERE CAN WE BE ALONE?



I HAVE JUST THE PLACE! AN ABANDONED HOUSE THAT I USE AS A HIDEOUT!



ON THE WAY TO THE ABANDONED HOUSE, VON STERNER TOLD ME OF HIS DEVOTION TO THE UNDERGROUND WHICH WAS FIGHTING THE TERROR THAT HAD TAKEN OVER IN HIS LAND...

HERE IT IS, TIM! LET'S GO IN BEFORE WE'RE SPOTTED!



I'LL TELL YOU WHY I NEED YOU! I'M HEAD OF A SECTION OF THE UNDERGROUND THAT SMUGGLES POLITICAL PRISONERS OUT OF THE COUNTRY...

...JUST TONIGHT WE GOT WORD THAT WE MUST GET ONE OF OUR MEN OUT IMMEDIATELY! WHEN I SAW YOU IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT YOU MIGHT LEND US YOUR CLOTHES AND PAPERS FOR A FEW DAYS SO HE COULD CROSS THE LINE! HOW ABOUT IT?

I DISTRUSTED THE SCHEME AT FIRST--ERIC WASN'T THE SORT I'D HAVE BELIEVED WILLING TO RISK HIS LIFE FOR AN IDEAL! BUT...

OKAY, ERIC! I'LL DO IT!

THANKS, TIM! THIS IS WONDERFUL! I'LL BRING IVAN IN!



PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ACTION

WHEN IVAN CAME INTO THE ROOM, I FELT ALMOST AS THOUGH I WERE LOOKING INTO A MIRROR! HE LOOKED LIKE MY DOUBLE ...

TIM, THIS IS IVAN! HE'LL SEND YOUR STUFF BACK WHEN HE GETS ACROSS!

ERIC HAS TOLD ME HOW WILLING YOU ARE TO HELP. I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!

THIS IS SCREWY! SUCH A COINCIDENCE! I WONDER...

WHEN I SAW HOW WELL MY CLOTHES FIT I KNEW SOMETHING WAS WRONG...

ERIC, DON'T HAVE YOUR MEN TAKE ME BACK! IT'LL LOOK BETTER IF I ENTER MY HOTEL ALONE!

THAT SEEMS FOOLISH, TIM--BUT ALL RIGHT, YOU GO BACK ALONE!

AS I WAS LEAVING ERIC OPENED THE CURTAINS WHICH PUZZLED ME...

IT'S SO STUFFY IN HERE!

HE SAID THIS HOUSE WAS ABANDONED--YET HE'S LETTING THE LIGHT SHOW!

MAYBE I BETTER GO UP INSTEAD OF DOWN! COULD BE HE'S TRYING TO PLANT IVAN IN THE STATES AS A SPY!

WHEN I LOOKED OVER THE EDGE OF THE ROOF I WAS SURE I WAS RIGHT...

VERY NEAT, ERIC! BUT A LITTLE TOO NEAT! NOW I KNOW WHAT TO DO!

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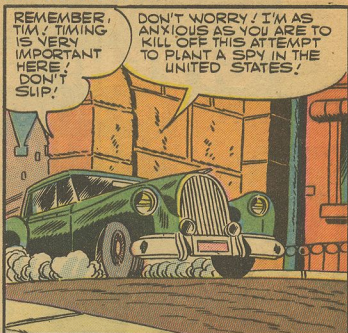
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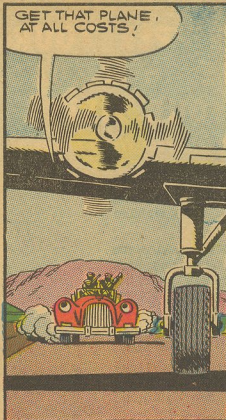
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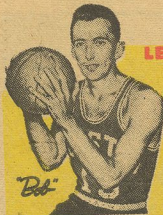
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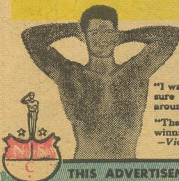
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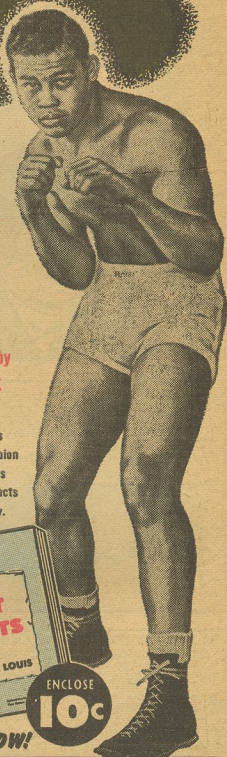
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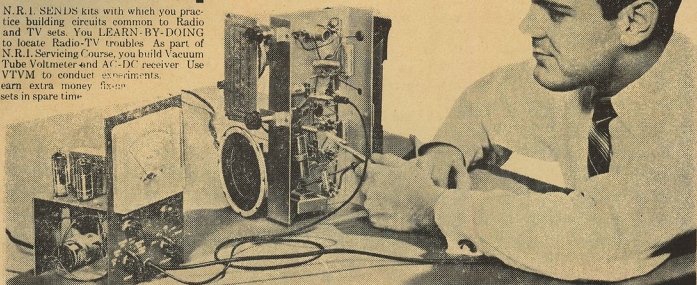
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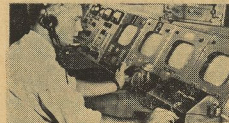
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